

Amendments to the Specification

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 10, line 6 as follows:

It is understood that the various ~~methods~~, devices, mechanisms, modules and systems described herein may be realized in hardware or in a combination of hardware and software. They may be implemented by any type of computer system - or other apparatus adapted for carrying out the methods described herein. A typical combination of hardware and software could be a general purpose computer system with a computer program that, when loaded and executed, controls the computer system such that it carries out the methods described herein. Alternatively, a specific use computer, containing specialized hardware for carrying out one or more of the functional tasks of the invention could be utilized. The present invention can also be embedded in a computer program product, which comprises all the features enabling the implementation of the methods and functions described herein, and which - when loaded in a computer system - is able to carry out these methods and functions. Computer program, software program, program, program product, or software, in the present context mean any expression, in any language, code or notation, or set of instructions located ~~on a computer readable storage~~ on a machine readable medium intended to cause a system having an information processing capability to perform a particular function either directly or after either or both of the following: (a) conversion to another language, code or notation; and/or (b) reproduction in a different material form.